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HB 534

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here it is

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See how this sounds. I don't know if I repeaed myself too much or got too wordy but I tried.

Carol

Dear Sirs

It is with much sadness that I have decided to speak out on HB 537 on behalf of myself Carol Henckel and my deceased husband, Mark Henckel, Billings Gazette past Outdoor editor. I know, although he is no longer alive he would have again spoke up in regards to the attempt to rescind I 161.

Knowing that I 161, passed with a 54 percent of the more than 348,000 voters says something about the original initiative. Rep. Harris, a man who outfits as part of his living was quoted as saying, that, and I quote "You could start with the word 'liberty, Here's a movement I believe is financed and sponsored by out-of-state interests and misrepresented to the point that people really don't know what they're voting for. The motives aren't represented truthfully."

The reality of this bill and the past bill is that it does not define liberty. As people in Montana who hunt and harvest the game of this state we should have the right to be treated fairly. The real issue is that big business, small business and non-residents receive a larger piece of the pie. After many hours of research and informed discussions with all sides of the story the facts were correctly reported and explained by those who felt there were inequities in this bill and the former bill. The common everyday hunter who wants his or her sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren to be able to carry on the heritage of hunting have a right to a fair chance for a license. This was the little guy speaking out and there never was big money involved in this effort. Tourism and recreation do have a high impact in equal parts in this state. We all want to see our state flourish by promoting hunting but residents also help the economy as well. We want outfitters to be a part of our economy, we want them to make a living but we also want fairness for the common individual resident hunter who tries to get a trophy animal or meat for his freezer. Money talks but it shouldn't in this issue but rather a lottery that allows everyone the same chance.

As a mother, and a voter since I graduated from high school I take my voting privilege very seriously. My immigrant grandparents believed in what our democracy stands for but when someone takes my vote and decides weeks after the election is over that I was ill informed, poorly informed and lacked the ability to make a clear choice on this matter I find that very disturbing. What does my vote mean if it becomes the immediate job of a group of people to believe that the people have not spoken! Mr. Harris and the group of people who wish to rescind this bill need to read the definition of liberty. Liberty is defined as freedom of choice; "liberty of opinion. Liberty is a concept of political philosophy and identifies the condition in which an individual has the **right to act according to his or her own will**. We used our liberty and the residents of Montana, the hunters of Montana have spoken and their vote should remain counted as it was originally voted.

Thank you for your time in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Henckel